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AN ESCULAPIAN BRACE.

Yesterday we exposed some of the political
chairs who have the audacity to sit in the
House as representatives of the agriculturists.
We laid bare the duplicity of those men in
standing up for the rights of the farmer in
words, and stabbing his interests by action.
To-day the scene is a little transformed—we
have a city sham to place in the pillory.
From the turnabout Trimble we come to the
plain Powell, whose vote yesterday killed
all action on the Church reserve question the
present session. We commend this amiable
specimen of a representative to the electors of
Victoria,—this guardian of the public weal,
who lacked the moral courage to oppose the
representatives of the Hudson Bay Company
on a question in which the public rights and
the city interests are involved.

What Dr. Trimble did for the land speculators
in the day before, this other independent
follower of Esculapian did for the clerical
fribbling party yesterday. Verily the
medical fraternity in the House are a worthy lot.
If there is an illiberal act to be perpetrated
or a good measure to be destroyed,
we shall find these knights of the scalpel at
their post; but if we want them to assist in
the ordinary duties of legislation they are not
to be found. The number of patients on the
latter occasion increases miraculously, and we
are strongly induced to suspect that there is a
Russian plague, always within hailing distance
a little before three o'clock every afternoon.
Yet these public spirited men, these
patriotic and independent representatives,
want the Legislature to protect them in
the practice of their profession. We really think
the Upper House had a better conception of
their merits than we had when it refused to
adopt their Medical Bill, and, by amendment,
brought them down to a dead level with
every pretender. Men who make a
convenience of their legislative position—who
trot about the country and allow other members
to do the law-making drudgery—are a
not exactly cases for legislative sympathy.
If they are too lazy, too mercenary, or too
incapable to attend to their Parliamentary
duties, let them resign and give place to bet-
ter men; but, for the sake of ordinary
decency, let it not be seen by the public that
their Parliamentary duties are divided be-
tween getting up bills for their own profes-
sional benefit and killing measures devised
for the public interest.

Dr. Powell, like Dr. Trimble, does not at-
tend the House of Assembly on the average
twice a week. Some weeks, in fact, neither
of these gentlemen is to be seen near the
building at all; for all practical purposes,
therefore, supposing even instead of opposing
the public interest they votest, right, they are
literally no use to their constituents or the
country, and it is a mere burlesque to having
them as representatives. When the Incorporation
bill came up on Wednesday, Dr. Powell was absent; when the discussion on
the land question took place he was not to be
found. The same might be said on the various
important questions that have come up
during the session. Yesterday, strange to say,
he attended, but only remained until
he could carry on the ideas of his political
mentors and destroy by his vote all action on
the question of the Chorob reserve.

It is really humiliating to have to record
so often a lack of manliness in the representation
of any constituency. A man who seems
to have no fixed political principle—who is
as changeable and unstable as the wind that
blows—is surely an unfit person for public
representation. A thousand times better for
a community to be unrepresented than to
have such men as Powell and Trimble to
bring Parliamentary institutions into disre-
pute. With little political knowledge and a
total disregard of Parliamentary duty, they
are liable at all times to be made the tools
of a few designing and more astute men,
and are therefore always an element of danger.
If there was any hope for amendment in
either member, we might not be disposed to
speak so disparagingly of their independence;
but as far as appearances go, it would seem
they are getting worse day by day. Dr.
Powell was not many months ago promise
of something better, and his medical con-
ferees were looked upon as the perfect Atlas of political
strength when the Land Committee was
in voice, but we are sorry to say both have
fallen into such a pitch of utter helplessness
and servility, that there is but one course
open to them to save their self-respect, as
well as the public interest, and that is resigna-
tion.

NOTICE.

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